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THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SITUATION

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana during June was estimated at 1,519,300, an increase of 1,400 employees from May's revised level and 18,200 above the comparable period a year ago. Manufacturing employment was up for the current month as both the durable and nondurable goods segments experienced increases. The drop in nonmanufacturing employment was centered in the government segment.

Estimated employment in the durable goods segment of manufacturing increased to 76,500 during June. Stone, clay and glass products employment moved up as a result of an increase in the production of glass and glassware products. Increased production of blast furnace and basic steel products resulted in higher employment for the primary metal industries.

Nondurable goods employment, at 97,700, was 2,000 more than last month and it was 2,400 above the June year-ago figure. Seasonal increases in the canning and packaging of seafood was mainly responsible for the higher level for food and kindred products employment. Apparel and other textile products employment was higher as a result of increases throughout this segment. More business for most segments of the paper and allied products industry resulted in higher employment for the current month. More production of industrial inorganic chemicals was responsible for the upturn in chemical and allied products employment. Petroleum and coal products payrolls were up from last month due to an increase in petroleum refining.

Louisiana's employment in nonmanufacturing industries during June was 1,345,100, down by 1,000 from the May level. Mining employment was higher due to increased production of crude petroleum and natural gas. Construction remained steady during June, at 89,700. Transportation and public utilities experienced an increase in employment levels as a result of more activity in trucking and warehousing and more business in certain segments of water transportation. Trade employment for June was higher as both the wholesale and retail segments experienced increases. An increase in banking and real estate employment was responsible for higher levels in finance, insurance and real estate. A seasonal downturn in educational services employment was instrumental in lower employment for services in June. Government employment declined primarily as a result of a seasonal decrease in state education.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 128,000 production workers in manufacturing decreased from $463.19 in May to $460.15 in June, a decrease of $3.04, and a decrease of $10.22 from June of last year. Average hourly earnings were two cents lower in June than last month and six cents lower than June of last year. Weekly hours averaged 42.1 during June, a decrease of 0.2 hours from last month's figure.

Total unemployment for Louisiana stood at 184,600. The unemployment rate for June was 9.5 percent. The comparable national unemployment rate for June was 5.5 percent. The state's civilian labor force increased to 1,393,200 workers. Estimated total employment increased to 1,754,600 for the current month.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1989*	May 1989**	June 1988**	Net Change from May 1989	Net Change from June 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,519.3	1,517.9	1,501.1	+ 1.4	+18.2
MINING	56.9	56.8	56.9	+ 0.1	0
Oil and Gas Extraction	54.3	54.2	54.3	+ 0.1	0
Nonmetallic Minerals	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	89.7	89.7	85.1	0	+ 4.6
MANUFACTURING	174.2	171.8	170.6	+ 2.4	+ 3.6
Durable Goods	76.5	76.1	75.3	+ 0.4	+ 1.2
Lumber and Wood Products	12.4	12.5	12.7	- 0.1	- 0.3
Furniture and Fixtures	0.5	0.6	0.6	- 0.1	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.9	5.7	5.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Primary Metal Industries	3.5	3.3	2.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Fabricated Metal Products	12.7	12.7	12.4	0	+ 0.3
Machinery, Except Electrical	9.3	9.2	9.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	6.5	6.4	6.9	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Transportation Equipment	23.3	23.2	23.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.4	2.5	2.1	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Nondurable Goods	97.7	95.7	95.3	+ 2.0	+ 2.4
Food & Kindred Products	20.9	19.8	20.7	+ 1.1	+ 0.2
Apparel & Other Textile Products	10.8	10.6	9.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.9
Paper & Allied Products	12.8	12.5	12.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.7
Printing & Publishing	9.9	9.9	9.9	0	0
Chemicals & Allied Products	27.7	27.5	26.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.9
Petroleum and Coal Products	11.2	11.0	11.3	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Petroleum Refining	10.3	10.1	10.4	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.4	4.4	4.6	0	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	109.0	108.3	106.9	+ 0.7	+ 2.1
Railroad Transportation	5.1	5.1	5.2	0	- 0.1
Transportation, ex. Railroads	63.4	62.9	60.9	+ 0.5	+ 2.5
Water Transportation	25.9	25.6	24.3	+ 0.3	+ 1.6
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	40.5	40.3	40.8	+ 0.2	- 0.3
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.1	18.2	18.0	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	22.4	22.1	22.8	+ 0.3	- 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	364.4	363.0	360.2	+ 1.4	+ 4.2
Wholesale Trade	82.9	82.1	82.4	+ 0.8	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	45.9	45.8	46.1	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	37.0	36.3	36.3	+ 0.7	+ 0.7
Retail Trade	281.5	280.9	277.8	+ 0.6	+ 3.7
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	59.8	59.8	57.9	0	+ 1.9
Food Stores	55.6	55.1	54.3	+ 0.5	+ 1.3
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	29.9	30.0	30.1	- 0.1	- 0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	86.1	85.9	85.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Other Retail Trade	50.1	50.1	50.0	0	+ 0.1

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1989*	May 1989**	June 1988**	Net Change from May 1989	Net Change from June 1988
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	80.5	80.3	82.9	+ 0.2	- 2.4
Banking	22.8	22.7	23.8	+ 0.1	- 1.0
SERVICES	330.4	331.0	324.8	- 0.6	+ 5.6
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	21.3	21.1	21.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Personal Services	14.6	14.4	14.9	+ 0.2	- 0.3
Business Services	62.9	62.6	60.7	+ 0.3	+ 2.2
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	9.6	9.6	9.7	0	- 0.1
Miscellaneous Repair Services	5.2	5.1	5.4	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Amusement & Recreation Services	9.7	9.3	9.7	+ 0.4	0
Health Services	107.5	106.3	104.4	+ 1.2	+ 3.1
Legal Services	16.8	16.0	15.8	+ 0.8	+ 1.0
Educational Services	15.3	18.9	16.8	- 3.6	- 1.5
Social Services	18.7	19.0	18.5	- 0.3	+ 0.2
Membership Organizations	25.9	25.8	25.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Miscellaneous Services	15.8	15.9	15.6	- 0.1	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	314.2	317.0	313.7	- 2.8	+ 0.5
Federal	36.7	36.9	36.5	- 0.2	+ 0.2
State and Local	277.5	280.1	277.2	- 2.6	+ 0.3
State	85.7	92.5	87.1	- 6.8	- 1.4
Local	191.8	187.6	190.1	+ 4.2	+ 1.7

* Preliminary **Revised
(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries
(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, with the exception of the Lake Charles MSA which is prepared under the auspices of the Louisiana Department of Labor, and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June '89*	May '89**	June '88**	June '89*	May '89**	June '88**	June '89*	May '89**	June '88**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$460.15	$463.19	$470.37	42.1	42.3	42.8	$10.93	$10.95	$10.99
Durable Goods	419.47	420.30	427.12	42.2	42.8	43.1	9.94	9.82	9.91
Lumber & Wood Products	353.64	362.93	355.61	42.0	42.3	43.0	8.42	8.58	8.27
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	346.68	368.01	381.36	40.5	42.3	42.0	8.56	8.70	9.08
Fabricated Metal Products	441.29	426.38	451.89	45.4	45.7	46.3	9.72	9.33	9.76
Machinery, ex. Electrical	400.64	397.75	400.01	43.5	43.0	44.2	9.21	9.25	9.05
Electric & Electronic Equip.	589.09	554.95	602.00	44.9	43.8	45.4	13.12	12.67	13.26
Transportation Equipment	435.49	447.79	435.51	40.1	41.5	40.4	10.86	10.79	10.78
Nondurable Goods	493.92	500.29	507.45	42.0	41.9	42.5	11.76	11.94	11.94
Food & Kindred Products	293.38	296.35	307.69	39.7	39.2	39.6	7.39	7.56	7.77
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	215.04	204.40	202.83	38.4	36.5	37.7	5.60	5.60	5.38
Paper & Allied Products	525.08	610.54	563.07	39.9	44.5	42.4	13.16	13.72	13.28
Printing & Publishing	391.51	396.00	385.97	36.9	37.5	37.4	10.61	10.56	10.32
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	704.67	715.76	726.73	45.2	46.0	46.2	15.59	15.56	15.73
Petroleum & Coal Products	768.85	662.00	723.38	48.6	42.6	46.7	15.82	15.54	15.49
Petroleum Refining	784.36	666.86	736.93	48.9	42.1	46.7	16.04	15.84	15.78
MINING	544.64	549.24	538.70	45.5	46.0	46.6	11.97	11.94	11.56
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	530.45	526.61	512.59	41.9	41.4	39.4	12.66	12.72	13.01
BANKING	279.38	281.56	271.13	37.4	38.1	37.5	7.47	7.39	7.23

(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 128,000 full-and part-time workers in manufacturing and 88,100 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY JUNE 1989				REVISED MAY 1989				REVISED JUNE 1988			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,939.2	1,754.6	184.6	9.5	1,895.2	1,717.1	178.1	9.4	1,949.8	1,728.9	220.9	11.3
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	61.3	55.6	5.7	9.3	60.0	54.4	5.6	9.3	61.1	55.0	6.1	10.0
Baton Rouge 2/	271.2	248.2	23.0	8.5	267.7	246.5	21.2	7.9	272.5	245.9	26.6	9.8
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	70.7	64.8	5.9	8.4	69.6	63.2	6.4	9.2	71.3	63.4	7.9	11.1
Lafayette 4/	100.0	92.0	8.0	8.0	99.3	91.1	8.2	8.3	100.5	90.6	9.9	9.9
Lake Charles 5/	76.9	69.4	7.5	9.7	73.5	66.3	7.2	9.8	77.5	68.0	9.5	12.3
Monroe 6/	70.0	63.8	6.2	8.8	66.8	60.9	5.9	8.9	69.8	62.2	7.6	10.9
New Orleans 7/	603.1	551.5	51.6	8.6	591.2	540.8	50.4	8.5	606.7	545.4	61.3	10.1
Shreveport 8/	162.0	146.6	15.4	9.5	158.5	143.4	15.1	9.5	166.1	148.1	18.0	10.9

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called the "Cost of Living Index", is a monthly measure of the average change in prices in a fixed quantity of goods and services.

All Urban Consumers	Index	%Change from Prior Month	% Change from Prior Year
June 1988	118.0		
June 1989	124.1	+ 0.2	+ 5.2

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

	PRELIMINARY JUNE 89				REVISED MAY 89			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	22,475	20,175	2,300	10.3	21,775	19,500	2,275	10.4
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,450	8,350	1,100	11.5	9,250	8,175	1,075	11.5
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	6,300	5,400	900	14.3	6,075	5,250	825	13.7
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	16,200	13,750	2,450	15.1	15,700	13,375	2,325	14.8
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	13,400	12,125	1,275	9.6	13,125	11,850	1,275	9.6
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	7,075	6,275	800	11.3	6,750	6,050	700	10.6
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	3,975	3,575	400	9.9	3,900	3,475	425	10.6
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,950	4,625	325	6.4	4,850	4,500	350	7.0
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	4,200	3,500	700	16.8	3,950	3,325	625	15.9
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	8,425	7,375	1,050	12.5	7,925	7,175	750	9.6
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	10,850	9,450	1,400	12.8	10,250	9,000	1,250	12.3
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	13,150	11,750	1,400	10.7	12,500	11,125	1,375	11.1
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,425	3,525	900	20.2	4,050	3,275	775	19.3
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	7,375	6,600	775	10.4	7,200	6,450	750	10.3
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	13,475	11,950	1,525	11.4	13,175	11,700	1,475	11.2
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,125	7,100	1,025	12.6	7,825	6,775	1,050	13.4
COLFAX (GRANT)	7,050	6,225	825	11.6	6,825	6,000	825	11.9
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	26,275	23,550	2,725	10.4	25,625	23,025	2,600	10.2
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	11,350	9,750	1,600	14.1	10,975	9,500	1,475	13.5
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	6,725	6,100	625	9.3	6,575	6,000	575	8.8
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	11,500	10,100	1,400	12.2	11,100	9,675	1,425	12.9
JENA (LASALLE)	6,525	5,875	650	10.0	6,500	5,850	650	9.9
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	18,075	17,175	900	4.9	17,650	16,825	825	4.6
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,675	4,850	825	14.5	5,450	4,700	750	13.9
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,700	11,150	1,550	12.2	12,050	10,625	1,425	11.9
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	16,450	14,675	1,775	10.8	16,175	14,550	1,625	10.0
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	8,600	7,825	775	9.1	8,600	7,750	850	9.9
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,500	6,100	1,400	18.6	7,150	6,025	1,125	15.8
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,925	3,850	1,075	21.8	4,225	3,750	475	11.3
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	8,800	7,825	975	11.1	8,500	7,525	975	11.5
MANY (SABINE)	9,950	9,125	825	8.2	9,750	8,850	900	9.1
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,925	2,550	375	12.7	2,850	2,525	325	11.2
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	7,725	6,725	1,000	13.0	7,600	6,650	950	12.4
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	31,125	26,625	4,500	14.5	30,425	26,050	4,375	14.4
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	24,975	22,175	2,800	11.2	24,225	21,525	2,700	11.2
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	38,150	33,150	5,000	13.1	37,450	32,625	4,825	12.9
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,175	2,825	350	11.0	2,925	2,625	300	10.5
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,575	7,725	850	9.9	8,350	7,475	875	10.4
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	18,925	16,775	2,150	11.4	18,450	16,250	2,200	12.0
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	18,675	17,125	1,550	8.3	18,350	16,775	1,575	8.5
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	18,600	16,500	2,100	11.3	18,025	16,000	2,025	11.3
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	20,050	17,600	2,450	12.2	19,700	17,450	2,250	11.5
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,875	3,900	975	20.2	4,675	3,675	1,000	21.3
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,225	3,825	400	9.6	4,225	3,825	400	9.3
WINNFIELD (WINN)	6,050	5,500	550	9.2	5,900	5,400	500	8.5

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESES.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT MSAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1989*	May 1989**	June 1988**	Net Change From May 1989	Net Change From June 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	45.7	45.7	45.5	0	+ 0.2
MANUFACTURING	3.5	3.4	3.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	1.9	0	+ 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.6	1.6	1.5	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.5	1.4	1.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.0	0.9	0.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.2	2.1	2.3	+ 0.1	- 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10.7	10.7	11.0	0	- 0.3
Wholesale Trade	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.1	0	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	8.8	8.8	9.1	0	- 0.3
General Merchandise	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 0.1
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
Other Retail Trade	3.6	3.6	3.8	0	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.5	2.6	+ 0.1	0
SERVICES	11.5	11.5	11.4	0	+ 0.1
Health Services	5.2	5.1	5.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	12.9	13.2	12.6	- 0.3	+ 0.3
Federal	3.1	3.2	2.8	- 0.1	+ 0.3
State and Local	9.8	10.0	9.8	- 0.2	0
State	4.5	4.5	4.6	0	- 0.1
Local	5.3	5.5	5.2	- 0.2	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria MSA was estimated at 45,700 for June. This estimate was the same as last month and 200 more than June, 1988.

Current month employment in manufacturing was estimated at 3,500. This figure increased by 100 from the previous month and 200 from June of last year. The increase from May was in other nondurable goods, while the increase from last year came from other durable goods and other nondurable goods.

Nonmanufacturing employment for June was estimated at 42,200. This figure decreased by 100 from last month, but was unchanged from June, 1988. The decline from last month was in government. Although the overall figure was unchanged from June of last year, increases did occur in services and government, but were offset by decreases in both construction and retail trade.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1989*	May 1989**	June 1988**	Net Change From May 1989	Net Change From June 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	219.1	222.9	217.6	- 3.8	+ 1.5
MANUFACTURING	19.8	19.6	19.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Durable Goods	4.4	4.4	4.2	0	+ 0.2
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.8	0.8	0.7	0	+ 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	1.3	1.3	1.2	0	+ 0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Nondurable Goods	15.4	15.2	15.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Food & Kindred Products	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	10.8	10.7	10.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	1.6	1.5	1.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
MINING	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	24.0	24.4	24.4	- 0.4	- 0.4
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILTIES	10.4	10.4	10.4	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	53.5	53.5	52.2	0	+ 1.3
Wholesale Trade	12.0	12.0	11.6	0	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	8.4	8.4	8.2	0	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.6	3.6	3.4	0	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	41.5	41.5	40.6	0	+ 0.9
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.4	13.6	13.9	- 0.2	- 0.5
Banking	3.3	3.4	3.4	- 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICES	46.4	46.1	46.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	50.6	54.3	50.2	- 3.7	+ 0.4
Federal	2.3	2.3	2.2	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	48.3	52.0	48.0	- 3.7	+ 0.3
State	25.5	29.4	25.2	- 3.9	+ 0.3
Local	22.8	22.6	22.8	+ 0.2	0

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June '89*	May '89**	June '88**	June '89*	May '89**	June '88**	June '89*	May '89**	June '88**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$556.42	$555.99	$549.54	43.0	43.0	42.6	$12.94	$12.93	$12.90
Petro-Chemicals	704.74	708.50	704.44	43.8	44.7	44.5	16.09	15.85	15.83

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,200 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The Baton Rouge MSA nonagricultural employment, at 219,100, for June was down 3,800 from May, but up 1,500 from the year-ago estimate. Manufacturing employment continued to edge upward, while nonmanufacturing continued to decline.

Manufacturing employment, estimated at 19,800, reported an increase of 200 over-the-month and 600 over the previous year. Recent plant expansions triggered an increase of 200 in the nondurable goods segment.

Nonmanufacturing employment declined by 4,000 in June to 199,300. Construction employment, following the same trend as last year, decreased 400 due to adverse weather conditions. A reduction in staff at a local bank and a large insurance company caused a loss of 200 in finance, insurance, and real estate. On a positive note, services employment was up 300 due to seasonal increases in hotels, social services, and continued staff increases by a new establishment in health services. Local government reported a seasonal increase of 200, but was offset by seasonal decreases at the state's universities in the Baton Rouge area.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge MSA's 13,200 production workers in all manufacturing was $556.42 for June, an increase of $0.43 from the May average. Compared to the prior year, weekly earnings were up $6.88. Average weekly hours remained at 43.0, while average hourly earnings increased by one cent to $12.94.

The total civilian labor force for the Baton Rouge MSA is estimated at 271,200, comprised of 248,200 employed and 23,000 unemployed. The local unemployment rate for June was 8.5 percent.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 2,532 individuals with new or renewal applications. A total of 2,438 referrals to current openings resulted in 383 placements during the month of June.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1989*	May 1989**	June 1988**	Net Change From May 1989	Net Change From June 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	54.7	54.4	54.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.4
MANUFACTURING	4.6	4.5	4.8	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Durable Goods	2.9	2.9	3.0	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.6	1.8	+ 0.1	- 0.1
MINING	5.9	5.9	5.9	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.2	6.2	6.2	0	0
Water Transportation	3.9	3.9	3.9	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.0	13.8	14.0	+ 0.2	0
Wholesale Trade	3.3	3.1	3.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	10.7	10.7	10.8	0	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.3	3.3	3.4	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.2	2.1	2.2	+ 0.1	0
SERVICES	9.6	9.4	9.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
GOVERNMENT	10.4	10.7	10.3	- 0.3	+ 0.1
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
State and Local	9.9	10.2	9.8	- 0.3	+ 0.1
State	2.7	3.1	2.6	- 0.4	+ 0.1
Local	7.2	7.1	7.2	+ 0.1	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux MSA in June moved up to 54,700, a level 300 above May. The small changes were scattered and mostly seasonal in nature. Since June, 1988, nonagricultural employment exhibited an increase of 400.

Manufacturing employment totaled 4,600, up 100 over the previous month. The durable goods segment remained steady. The nondurable goods segment had increases reflecting the seasonal activity in the seafood processing industry.

Wholesale trade had a seasonal increase in both the durable goods and nondurable goods segments. Employment in finance rose by 100. In services, the largest gain was a seasonal increase in business services. State government had seasonal adjustments in educational services. Local government's employment increase was due to temporary summer workers.

Estimated unemployment was 5,900 in June. Unemployment presently comprises 8.4 percent of the civilian labor force for the Houma-Thibodaux area. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 865.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1989*	May 1989**	June 1988**	Net Change From May 1989	Net Change From June 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	85.5	86.5	85.5	- 1.0	0
MANUFACTURING	6.9	6.8	7.4	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	5.1	5.0	5.5	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Food & Kindred Products	1.5	1.5	1.7	0	- 0.2
MINING	11.4	11.5	11.6	- 0.1	- 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	3.7	3.8	3.1	- 0.1	+ 0.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	5.9	6.2	6.1	- 0.3	- 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	23.4	23.3	23.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade	5.4	5.4	5.3	0	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	3.2	3.2	3.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	18.0	17.9	18.0	+ 0.1	0
General Merchandise	2.9	2.9	2.9	0	0
Food Stores	2.7	2.7	2.5	0	+ 0.2
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
Other Retail Trade	10.7	10.6	10.9	+ 0.1	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.5	3.5	3.6	0	- 0.1
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	18.7	18.7	18.8	0	- 0.1
GOVERNMENT	12.0	12.7	11.6	- 0.7	+ 0.4
Federal	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
State and Local	11.2	11.9	10.7	- 0.7	+ 0.5
State	4.2	4.9	3.7	- 0.7	+ 0.5
Local	7.0	7.0	7.0	0	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette MSA was estimated at 85,500 for June, 1989, a decrease of 1,000 from last month's estimate. The decrease in employment was due mainly to a seasonal downturn in the government segment of nonmanufacturing.

Manufacturing was up by 100 in June, with the growth occurring in the nondurable goods sector of the economy.

Wholesale and retail trade rose by 100 from the previous month due to expansion in the other retail trade sector. Mining declined by 100 from the May revised estimate. Construction dropped by 100 from the prior month due to a slowdown in the residential and commercial building industry. Transportation and public utilities decreased by 300 from last month's estimate. Government employment declined by 700 from the May revised figure due to layoffs at educational institutions within state government.

All other segments of the economy showed no change from the previous month.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1989*	May 1989**	June 1988**	Net Change From May 1989	Net Change From June 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	61.1	59.5	60.2	+ 1.6	+ 0.9
MANUFACTURING	10.7	10.7	11.1	0	- 0.4
Durable Goods	2.3	2.4	2.8	- 0.1	- 0.5
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.2	2.3	2.7	- 0.1	- 0.5
Nondurable Goods	8.4	8.3	8.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.7	7.7	7.7	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.4	0.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
MINING	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	5.1	4.8	4.0	+ 0.3	+ 1.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	4.1	4.1	3.9	0	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.1	14.0	14.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade	2.6	2.5	2.6	+ 0.1	0
Retail Trade	11.5	11.5	11.4	0	+ 0.1
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.5	2.5	2.3	0	+ 0.2
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.3	1.3	1.2	0	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.6	3.6	3.7	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.7	2.7	2.8	0	- 0.1
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
SERVICES	12.3	11.9	11.9	+ 0.4	+ 0.4
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.5	0.4	0	+ 0.1
Personal Services	0.6	0.5	0.7	+ 0.1	- 0.1
GOVERNMENT	11.2	10.4	11.5	+ 0.8	- 0.3
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	10.6	9.8	10.9	+ 0.8	- 0.3
State	3.0	3.0	3.1	0	- 0.1
Local	7.6	6.8	7.8	+ 0.8	- 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles MSA was estimated at 61,100 during the month of June, 1989, an increase of 1,600 from May, 1989. The increase in employment was due mainly to seasonal hiring in the government segment of nonmanufacturing.

Employment in construction rose by 300 in June due to increases in general and heavy construction contractors. Trade was up by 100 from the prior month due to an expansion in the wholesale trade sector of the economy. Services increased by 400 over last month's estimate with increases in personal health and legal services leading the way. Government was up by 800 due to summer youth hiring in local government.

All other sectors showed no change from last month's estimate.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1989*	May 1989**	June 1988**	Net Change From May 1989	Net Change From June 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	55.6	53.8	54.4	+ 1.8	+ 1.2
MANUFACTURING	7.2	7.2	7.4	0	- 0.2
Durable Goods	1.9	2.0	2.1	- 0.1	- 0.2
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.7	1.8	1.9	- 0.1	- 0.2
Nondurable Goods	5.3	5.2	5.3	+ 0.1	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Chemical & Allied Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	4.1	4.0	4.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
MINING	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	2.4	2.3	2.4	+ 0.1	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.9	2.8	2.9	+ 0.1	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.6	13.3	14.0	+ 0.3	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade	3.5	3.5	3.9	0	- 0.4
Retail Trade	10.1	9.8	10.1	+ 0.3	0
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.3	2.3	2.5	0	- 0.2
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.2	1.1	1.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.3	3.1	3.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.2	4.2	4.4	0	- 0.2
Banking	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	12.1	12.2	11.6	- 0.1	+ 0.5
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
Health Services	5.4	5.4	5.3	0	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	12.8	11.4	11.2	+ 1.4	+ 1.6
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	12.2	10.8	10.6	+ 1.4	+ 1.6
State	4.8	4.7	3.5	+ 0.1	+ 1.3
Local	7.4	6.1	7.1	+ 1.3	+ 0.3

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Monroe MSA was estimated at 55,600 for the month of June. This estimate was 1,800 above the May estimate and 1,200 above the June, 1988 estimate.

Employment in manufacturing was estimated at 7,200. This total was unchanged as the gain of 100 in nondurable goods was offset by the loss of 100 in durable goods.

Construction rose by 100 as weather conditions improved. Transportation and public utilities rose by 100. Trade increased by 300. Services showed a loss of 100. Government was up by 1,400 due to special summer projects for disadvantaged youths. All other segments were unchanged.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1989*	May 1989**	June 1988**	Net Change From May 1989	Net Change From June 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	519.7	519.7	518.2	0	+ 1.5
MANUFACTURING	44.0	43.4	43.5	+ 0.6	+ 0.5
Durable Goods	22.8	22.7	22.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	2.1	2.1	2.3	0	- 0.2
Machinery	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
Transportation Equipment	14.2	14.1	13.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	10.5	10.5	10.0	0	+ 0.5
Other Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	1.9	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	21.2	20.7	21.1	+ 0.5	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	6.3	5.9	6.3	+ 0.4	0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Paper & Allied Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Printing & Publishing	3.7	3.7	3.7	0	0
Chemicals and Allied Products	4.8	4.8	4.8	0	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	3.5	3.4	3.5	+ 0.1	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.3	0	+ 0.1
MINING	15.1	15.0	15.3	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Oil & Gas Extraction	14.2	14.1	14.4	+ 0.1	- 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	23.0	23.2	23.1	- 0.2	- 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	44.6	44.2	44.5	+ 0.4	+ 0.1
Railroad Transportation	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Water Transportation	13.5	13.2	13.0	+ 0.3	+ 0.5
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	134.9	134.7	135.2	+ 0.2	- 0.3
Wholesale Trade	33.1	32.8	32.2	+ 0.3	+ 0.9
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	19.0	18.8	18.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	14.1	14.0	13.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Retail Trade	101.8	101.9	103.0	- 0.1	- 1.2
General Merchandise	13.2	13.0	13.7	+ 0.2	- 0.5
Food Stores	20.3	20.3	20.0	0	+ 0.3
Eating & Drinking Places	34.6	34.6	35.0	0	- 0.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	33.3	33.3	33.8	0	- 0.5
Banking	7.2	7.2	7.2	0	0
SERVICES	137.4	136.8	136.4	+ 1.2	+ 1.0
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	13.1	13.2	13.0	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Health Services	38.1	38.1	37.3	0	+ 0.8
GOVERNMENT	87.4	87.3	86.4	+ 0.1	+ 1.0
Federal	16.4	16.4	16.3	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	71.0	70.9	70.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
State	17.8	18.6	17.1	- 0.8	+ 0.7
Local	53.2	52.3	53.0	+ 0.9	+ 0.2

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June '89*	May '89**	June '88**	June '89*	May '89**	June '88**	June '89*	May '89**	June '89*
All MANUFACTURING	$434.31	$433.46	$419.72	40.8	40.7	41.2	$10.64	$10.65	$10.43
Durable Goods	369.38	383.26	360.29	38.8	40.1	41.3	9.52	9.57	9.65
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	279.00	298.54	313.14	30.0	32.7	34.0	9.30	9.21	9.21
Fabricated Metal Products	373.64	357.76	530.42	38.8	38.1	51.1	9.63	9.39	10.38
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	345.60	362.19	344.96	38.4	40.1	39.7	9.00	9.03	8.80
Nondurable Goods	503.22	487.75	472.65	42.9	41.3	41.1	11.73	11.81	11.50
Food & Kindred Products	299.70	324.63	304.29	37.0	37.4	37.8	8.10	8.68	8.05
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	234.84	211.85	194.91	40.7	36.4	36.4	5.77	5.82	5.09
Paper & Allied Products	442.31	434.34	373.15	49.7	48.1	43.9	8.99	9.03	8.50
Printing & Publishing	375.06	391.43	352.49	38.0	39.3	37.3	9.87	9.96	9.45
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	733.66	738.89	733.25	46.2	46.5	45.6	15.88	15.89	16.08

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 31,100 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1989*	May 1989**	June 1988**	Net Change From May 1989	Net Change From June 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	128.7	128.9	130.7	- 0.2	- 2.0
MANUFACTURING	17.7	17.3	18.2	+ 0.4	- 0.5
Durable Goods	12.8	12.4	13.0	+ 0.4	- 0.2
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
Metals and Machinery	7.2	7.0	7.5	+ 0.2	- 0.3
Primary and Fabricated Metals	2.1	2.0	1.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	5.1	5.0	5.8	+ 0.1	- 0.7
Other Durable Goods	5.2	5.0	5.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Nondurable Good	4.9	4.9	5.2	0	- 0.3
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.3	0	- 0.1
MINING	3.0	3.0	3.4	0	- 0.4
CONSTRUCTION	6.4	6.5	6.6	- 0.1	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	8.1	8.0	8.1	+ 0.1	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	31.4	31.5	32.0	- 0.1	- 0.6
Wholesale Trade	7.3	7.3	7.5	0	- 0.2
Retail Trade	24.1	24.2	24.5	- 0.1	- 0.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	6.2	6.2	6.8	0	- 0.6
SERVICES	30.5	30.9	31.9	- 0.4	- 1.4
GOVERNMENT	25.4	25.5	23.7	- 0.1	+ 1.7
Federal	4.9	4.9	4.9	0	0
State and Local	20.5	20.6	18.8	- 0.1	+ 1.7
State	6.4	6.4	6.0	0	+ 0.4
Local	14.1	14.2	12.8	- 0.1	+ 1.3

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June '89*	May '89**	June '88**	June '89*	May '89**	June '88**	June '89*	May '89**	June '88**
All MANUFACTURING	$474.88	$458.39	$497.90	42.4	42.8	41.7	$11.20	$10.71	$11.94
Lumber and Wood Products	271.47	354.77	221.12	30.4	41.3	32.0	8.93	8.59	6.91
Metals and Machinery	501.23	441.95	516.91	48.9	48.3	44.6	10.25	9.15	11.59
Food and Kindred Products	403.88	365.06	344.96	46.0	43.1	44.0	8.78	8.47	7.84
Printing and Publishing	232.66	287.22	347.00	29.6	32.9	35.7	7.86	8.73	9.72
Petroleum and Coal Products	629.16	642.00	556.66	47.7	50.0	46.7	13.19	12.84	11.92

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,100 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Shreveport MSA, estimated at 128,700, dropped below the May revised estimate of 128,900. The employment gain in manufacturing from May to June was not enough to offset job losses in the total nonmanufacturing sector.

Manufacturing employment, estimated at 17,700, moved up from 17,300 in May. Jobs increased over-the-month in metals and machinery and in other durable goods. These increases were due primarily to adding summer workers. Total manufacturing employment remains 500 less than the June, 1988 estimate.

The nonmanufacturing employment estimate dropped to 111,000, down from 111,600 in May. Job losses from May to June occurred in construction, trade, services, and government. A slight employment increase in transportation and public utilities was the only over-the-month gain in nonmanufacturing.

The Shreveport MSA had an estimated 13,100 production workers in manufacturing that earned average weekly wages of $474.88. These earnings were up $16.49 from the May revised weekly earnings, but $23.02 less than June, 1988. Average weekly hours decreased slightly to 42.4, down 0.4 hours from the May revised average. Hourly earnings averaged $11.20, up from $10.71 in May, but fell below the June, 1988 average of $11.94.

The civilian labor force of the Shreveport MSA was estimated at 162,000, including 146,600 employed and 15,400 unemployed. The unemployment rate for the area was 9.5 percent.

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